The following songs are from a 1867 Atlantic Monthly magazine. Thomas Wentworth Higginson wrote the article and wrote the songs down after visiting several Southern states and observing blacks in worship.

WE 'LL SOON BE FREE.

"We 'll soon be free,  
We 'll soon be free,  
We 'll soon be free,  
When de Lord will call us home.  
My brudder, how long,  
My brudder, how long,  
My brudder, how long,  
'Fore we done sufferin' here?  
It won't be long (*Thrice.*)  
'Fore de Lord will call us home.  
We 'll walk de miry road (*Thrice.*)  
Where pleasure never dies.  
We 'll walk de golden street (*Thrice.*)  
Where pleasure never dies.  
My brudder, how long (*Thrice.*)  
'Fore we done sufferin' here?  
We 'll soon be free (*Thrice.*)  
When Jesus sets me free.  
We 'll fight for liberty (*Thrice.*)  
When de Lord will call us home."

THE BABY GONE HOME.

"De little baby gone home,  
De little baby gone home,  
De little baby gone along,  
For to climb up Jacob's ladder.  
And I wish I 'd been dar,  
I wish I 'd been dar,  
I wish I 'd been dar, my Lord,  
For to climb up Jacob's ladder "

O THE DYING LAMB !

"I wants to go where Moses trod,  
O de dying Lamb !  
For Moses gone to de promised land,  
O de dying Lamb !  
To drink from springs dat never run dry,  
O, &c.  
Cry O my Lord !  
O, &c.  
Before I 'll stay in hell one day,  
O, &c.  
I 'm in hopes to pray my sins away,  
O, &c.  
Cry O my Lord !  
O, &c.  
Brudder Moses promised for be dar too,  
O &c.  
To drink from streams dat never run dry,  
O de dying Lamb ! "